

PURPOSE

• ELIMINATE UNNECESSARY SUFFERING

SAFEGUARD HUMAN RIGHTS

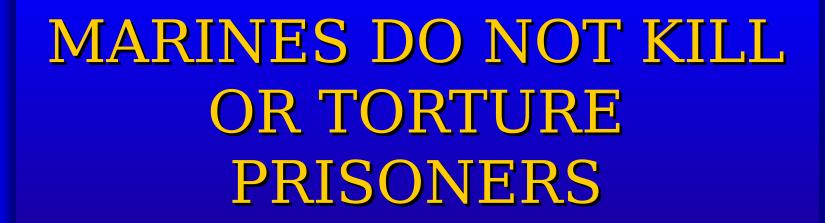
• RESTORE THE PEACE

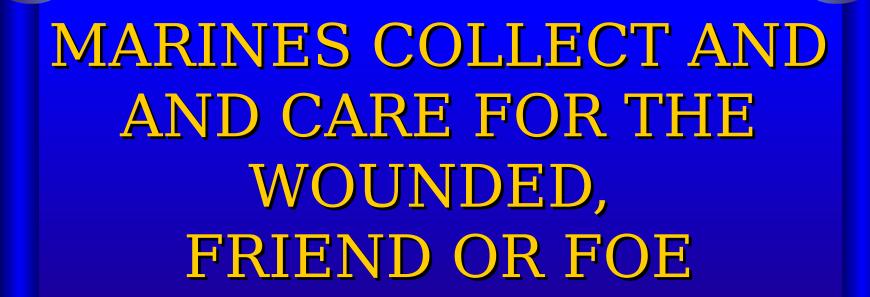




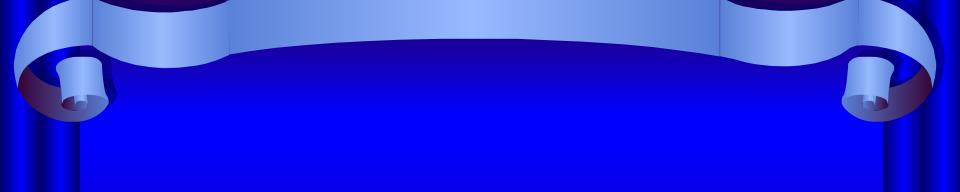
MARINES FIGHT ONLY ENEMY COMBATANTS







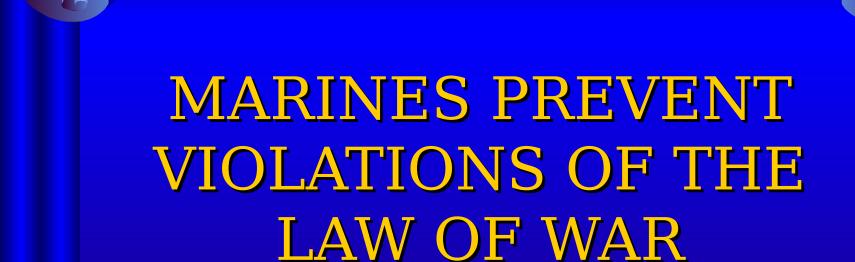




MARINES DESTROY NO MORE THAN THE MISSION REQUIRES



MARINES DO NOT STEAL





ARTICLE I

- I am an American, fighting in the forces which guard my country and protect our way of life.
- I am prepared to give my life in their defense

ARTICLE II

- I will never surrender of my own free will.
- If in command, I will never surrender the members of my command while they still have the means to resist.

ARTICLE III

- If I am captured, I will continue to resist by all means available.
- I will make every effort to escape and to aid others to escape.
- I will accept neither parole nor special favors from the enemy.

ARTICLE IV

- If I become a prisoner of war, I will keep faith in my fellow prisoners.
- I will give no information nor take part in any action which might be harmful to my comrades.
- If I am senior, I will take command. If not, I will obey the orders of those appointed over me and will back them up in every way.

ARTICLE V

- When questioned should I become a prisoner of war, I am required to give name, rank, SSN, and date of birth. I will evade answering further questions to the utmost of my ability.
- I will make no oral or written statements disloyal to my country or it's allies or harmful to their cause.

ARTICLE VI

- I will never forget that I am an American, fighting for freedom, responsible for my actions, and dedicated to the principles which made my country free.
- I will trust in my God and the United States of America.

SOURCES

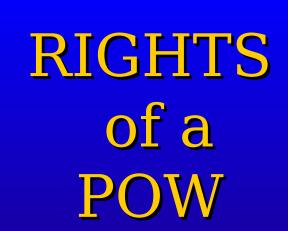
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• IN ANY COMBAT SITUATION YOU MUST BE READY TO CAPTURE AND CONTROL ENEMY PRISONERS UNTIL THEY ARE SENT TO POW CAMPS.
THE GENEVA CONVENTION GOVERNS THE TREATMENT OF THESE POWs.

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 UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT, A U.S. SERVICE MEMBER CANNOT **VOLUNTARILY CHOOSE TO** BECOME A PRISONER OF WAR. HOWEVER, IF CAPTURED AGAINST YOUR WILL YOU NEED TO KNOW AND UNDERSTAND YOUR RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS AS A POW.





- Sanitary Protective housing
- Enough food to stay in good health
- Adequate medical care
- Facilities for hygiene



- Practice religious faith
- Keep personal property
- Send and receive mail
- Receive Red Cross packages

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- Select representation
- Receive humane treatment
- A copy of the Geneva Convention (In English)
- A copy of all camp regulations (In English)

OBLIGATIONS OF A POW



- Give captors NAME, RANK SSN, and Date of Birth
- Obey lawful rules
- Perform non-military labor for pay
- Continue military discipline

THESE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF A POW APPLY EQUALLY TO FRIENDLY AND ENEMY CAPTIVES AS WELL



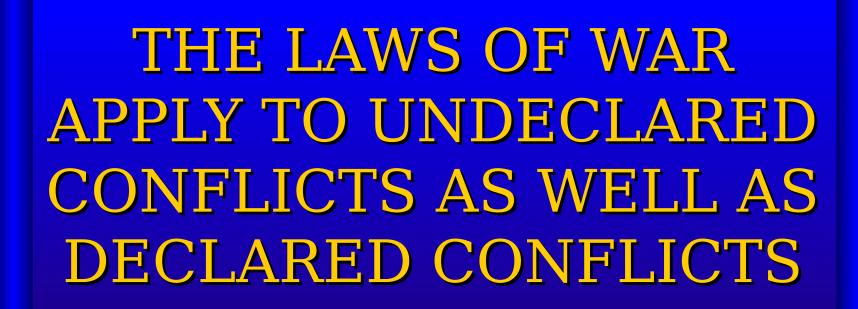
TO FIRE ON ENEMY WHO HAS SURRENDERED TO THREATEN, TORTURE, OR TREAT WHO HAS SURRENDERED TO THREATEN, TORTURE, OR TREAT HOME BODIES

TO ATTACK OR BOMBARD, UNDEFENDED
TOWNS
TO USE FLAG OF TRUCE OR NATIONAL FLAG
UNDER FALSE PRETENSES





CIVILIANS NOT TAKING PART IN HOSTILITIES
UNDEFENDED TOWNS OR BUILDINGS
HISTORIC BUILDINGS,
MONUMENTS, RELIGIOUS STRUCTURES
CHARITABLE BUILDINGS
POW'S, WOUNDED, AND SICK





CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE LAW OF WAR

CONSEQUENCES:

• ADVERSE IMPACT ON PUBLIC OPINION

PROLONG A CONFLICT

• PREJUDICE GOOD ORDER AND DISCIPLINE

